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New Initiatives to Make Territory Streets Safer

The Northern Territory Government today unveiled new justice and police initiatives to make Territory streets safer.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson announced the new initiatives in Darwin while Attorney-General, Delia Lawrie, joined Minister for Central Australia, Karl Hampton and Police Commissioner, John McRoberts, in Alice Springs to outline the new initiatives which include:

- Introducing a new offence for breach of bail
- A review of the Youth Justice Act
- Return to Country Blitz for Back to School
- Juvenile Safe Houses

Mr Henderson said the latest initiatives followed extensive consultation with police, youth and welfare agencies, business owners and councils.

“My Government has listened to the community is taking action to get youth off the streets, reduce crime and make the Territory safer," Mr Henderson said.
“These new initiatives will provide police, youth and welfare agencies and the courts greater tools to target and intervene early for at risk youth and tackle anti-social behaviour.”

“We will also make it an offence to breach bail conditions which will include failing to attending court hearings when required.

“Offenders who are released on bail but breach bail conditions will face a fine or a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment.

“Everyone must understand that bail is privilege and conditions of release must be followed or you will end up in custody.”

We will also review the Youth Justice Act to identify if NT laws governing juveniles can be strengthened.

“The NT Government will fund a Return to Country blitz to provide free one off return travel for children and families for the start of school year.”

“These new initiatives will see police, youth and welfare agencies and justice services continue to work together to get at risk youth off the streets and into the classroom,” Mr Henderson said.

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